

REMARKS

Claims 24-35 remain in the application for consideration of the Examiner.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

The amendments filed between February 2, 2005 and July 18, 2005 were objected to under 35 U.S.C. § 132 because it allegedly introduces new matter into the disclosure; Claims 24-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description; Claims 24-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with enablement; and Claims 24-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

All of these objections and rejections are traversed.

They will be dealt with together because they seem to all stem from the same phrases, first namely a wafer having a surface including a plurality of chips.

The language has been amended to recite a plurality of integrated circuits.

The Examiner's attention is directed to page 10, line 8 et seq where this subject matter is disclosed.

Next, the Examiner alleges that the phrase entire wafer surface being coated with a protective material including the micromechanical components is not supported in the specification.

However, the Examiner's attention is directed to page 11, line 10 et seq; again this subject matter is disclosed.

It is respectfully submitted that the presently claimed invention is in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph and second paragraph.

The Examiner maintains the art rejections, and consequently, Applicants maintain their position with respect to the art rejections.

It is respectfully submitted that Najafi does not disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention including the entire wafer surface including the micromechanical components being coated with a protective material.

Najafi is silent as to this aspect.

Whether or not Karpman discloses a wafer, including a plurality of MEM chips and whether or not one of ordinary skill in the art would consider modifying Najafi is of no moment since the resulting construction would still in no way disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Whether or not Fisher discloses a digital micromirror device and one of ordinary skill in the art would consider modifying Najafi is of no moment since the resulting construction would still in no way disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Additionally, whether or not Shiobara discloses silica and anhydrides and whether one of ordinary skill in the art would consider modifying Najafi is of no moment since the resulting construction would still in no way disclose or suggest the presently claimed invention.

Karpman does not cure the above noted defects.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

While it is believed that the instant response places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Texas Instruments Incorporated, Account No. 20-0668.

Respectfully submitted,



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